



Wild Things

Welcome to the Wilderness!

Introduce your child to the wonders of nature in this fun-filled class designed just for them. Each week the adventure starts with unique songs and a discussion about the animal of the week. We reinforce each topic with a simple craft and a nature hike or fun activity. Join us each Wednesday, and learn about the wonderful, wacky wildlife that lives in Tennessee. Registration is required. Please call the Tuesday before class to register.

Ages: 1 – 4 years with adult
 Day: Wednesdays
 Times: 9:30 a.m. (Call on the Tuesday before for reservations.)
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: \$3.00
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017. Registration required.



Silly Grandpa Concert

Come join in the silliness at the Wilderness Station since we have invited Silly Grandpa to play a concert. Sing, clap, and dance along to Silly Grandpa's fun and entertaining songs.

Ages: All
 Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018
 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017,
 outdoormurfreesboro@murfreesborotn.gov

Winter Wonderland Party for Preschoolers

Don't let your preschooler get the wintertime blahs. Instead, come to the Wilderness Station for a wintery, wondrous celebration. We will read "The Mitten" by Jan Brett and play, explore, and discover the native animals that make this story fun. Also, we will have games and a craft.

Registration Required.

Ages: 3 – 5 years
 Dates: Saturday, February 10, 2018
 Time: 10:30 a.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: \$3.00
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017,
 hmullivan@murfreesborotn.gov



Birthday Parties

Have your child's next birthday party at the Wilderness Station.

Choose one of our exciting nature-themed programs led by a park naturalist. Visit our website for full descriptions, pricing, and scheduling at www.murfreesborotn.gov/parks under Wilderness Station.



Owl Wisdom

What is your owl IQ? Join us as we take a look at these amazing animals and unlock some interesting facts. Then roll up your sleeves and dissect an owl pellet to see what was for dinner. It's gross but so much fun! Registration Required.

Ages: 8 - 12 years
Date: Saturday, January 6, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: \$5
Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017, outdoormurfreesboro@murfreesborotn.gov.



Bird Club

Join us for a monthly walk as we search together for resident birds of Tennessee. Murfreesboro's Bird Club welcomes all levels of experience, and we encourage anyone who is interested in birds or bird behavior to join us. Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. We will have a few to lend out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Ages: 6+
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dates and Locations:
Saturday, December 16- Nickajack Wetlands
Saturday, January 13- Gateway Island
Saturday, February 17- Wilderness Station (Great Backyard Bird Count)
Fee: Free
Contact: Heather Mullican, 615-217-3017, hmullican@murfreesborotn.gov

Earth Lab – Now Open!

Did you know that katydids have ears in their front legs or that a woodpecker can peck 20 times per second? I bet you know spiders have 8 legs but did you know they have 48 knees? The Earth has many amazing creatures to learn about and study and now you can enjoy exploring these topics in our Earth Lab. Each month we will have a new topic with fun and exciting activities for kids ages 4 – 9 to discover on this self-led adventure. It's great for homeschoolers or as an afterschool treat.

December – Animals in Winter
January – A Winter Nature Study
February – Birds in Winter

Ages: 4 – 9 years
Day: Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: Free
Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017, outdoormurfreesboro@murfreesborotn.gov.



Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)

Join us for the Great Backyard Bird Count. Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts. Each checklist submitted during the GBBC helps researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society learn more about how birds are doing, and how to protect them and the environment we share. Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. We will have a few to lend out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Ages: 6+
Time: 9:00 AM
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2018
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: Free
Contact: Heather Mullican, 615-217-3017, hmullican@murfreesborotn.gov



FREE Backpacks for Education!

The Greenway and Wilderness Station offer free educational backpacks for morning and afternoon checkout. These backpacks are a great way to introduce your children or students to nature. Whether you're a teacher or interested parent, our educational backpacks offer fun and learning to children of all ages. Each backpack has a theme and includes specific learning material and programs surrounding the theme. The themes are: Birds, Trees, Insects, and Wildflowers. So pick your favorite subject and get outside to explore and learn about Tennessee's beautiful wilderness. Backpacks may be checked out at the Wilderness Station at Barfield Crescent Park.

Teachers, Homeschoolers, and Scouts Field Trips and Field Studies for Your Group:

We have added several new programs to share with your group. We can now accommodate large classes or small rotational groups. All programs are correlated with state standards or can be adjusted to satisfy badge requirements.

Contact Rachel Singer for a complete list of programs and locations at 615-217-3017 or rsinger@murfreesborotn.gov. You can also check out our website at www.murfreesborotn.gov/parks under Wilderness Station.



Post-Holiday Hikes

How many of us indulged in a few too many pieces of fudge or a couple extra helpings of dressing and gravy? Don't despair! We'll hike off those unwanted pounds. Join us weekly in January and February for staff-led hikes on the beautiful back country trails. Hikes will last an hour to an hour and a half.

Ages: Adults
 Day: Thursdays in January and February – starting January 4
 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017,
outdoormurfreesboro@murfreesborotn.gov.



Post-Holiday Greenway Walks

Come and walk off the unwanted holiday pounds! Join us weekly in January and February for staff-led walks on the beautiful Murfreesboro Greenway. Hikes will last an hour to an hour and a half.

Ages: Adults
 Day: Tuesdays in January and February
 January 2 – Thompson Lane Trailhead
 January 9 – General Bragg Trailhead
 January 16 – Manson Pike Trailhead
 January 23 – Cannonsburgh Trailhead
 January 30 – Old Fort Park Trailhead
 February 6 – Gateway Island Trailhead
 February 13 – Cason Trailhead
 February 20 – Central Valley Trailhead
 February 27 – Barfield Park Paved Trails– Meet at Wilderness Station
 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Location: Listed above, changes weekly
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017,
outdoorMurfreesboro@murfreesborotn.gov

Wildlife Painting

Unleash your inner artist! Join us at the Wilderness Station for an artist-led paint-a-long. Have fun, and let the paint flow as an instructor leads you step-by-step through the painting process. The subject matter of the paintings will be wildlife/nature based and will be great for all skill levels. So come on out and get creative! Class will be held inside, so don't let the weather scare you away. Space is limited, and reservations are required. All materials are provided.

Ages: Adult (13 and up)
 Date: December 16
 Day: Saturday
 Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$15.00
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017,
outdoormurfreesboro@murfreesborotn.gov.



Music in the Wild

Warm up inside the Wilderness Station as we welcome the band Runaway Home back to the park. Runaway Home is a Panoramic-Americana band founded by two intrepid dreamers and schemers who share a love for music and the places it takes us all. Pulling from diverse musical backgrounds, Runaway Home blends their sound whiskey-smooth and harmonically strong, with a plaintive and rootsy edge.

We will be serving some of our delicious bird-friendly coffee that will be perfect to sip on while enjoying live music and the company of friends, new and old.

Ages: All
 Date: Saturday, January 27, 2018
 Time: Doors open at 5:30; music is 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017,
outdoormurfreesboro@murfreesborotn.gov.

THE BETTER BORO PROJECT



New Year's Day 5k

Start the New Year off on the right foot with the 3rd annual New Year's Day 5k! All fitness levels welcome. Register early to be guaranteed a souvenir shirt (by Dec. 10). Every finisher will receive a medal, and awards will be given to overall finishers and age group winners.

Ages: All
 Date: January 1, 2018
 Time: 11:00 a.m.
 Fee: \$25 preregistration through December 27, 2017
 Location: Barfield Crescent Park
 Contact: Melinda Tate, 615-893-2141, mtate@murfreesborotn.gov
 For more information and to register: www.murfreesborotn.gov/parks





Raptor Day

Learn about Tennessee's fabulous birds of prey and bird watching. A local raptor educator and falconer will bring several species of birds of prey so that visitors can see them up close. Talks and children's activities will take place throughout the event. Come out to learn about these amazing creatures of the sky.

Ages: All
 Date: Saturday, February 17, 2018
 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017, outdoormurfreesboro@murfreesborotn.gov
 Reservation required.

Holiday Woodworking for Wildlife

Come and create beautiful and unique holiday gifts that are helpful to wildlife! Learn how to attract birds to your home while building a cedar birdhouse or birdfeeder. After you build, you will learn to paint unique flowers, trees, butterflies, etc., on your masterpiece. INCLUDES all materials and paints. Reservations are required one week prior to the class.

Ages: 13 to Adult
 Dates: Friday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. (birdhouse) & Friday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. (birdfeeder)
 Fee: \$25 per class (includes all materials)
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 615-217-3017, dthomas@Murfreesborotn.gov



Gateway Island Open House

Perfect for a small wedding, a company retreat or a family reunion, the Gateway Island is a beautiful venue conveniently located near shopping, hotels and our Greenway. Check out this little paradise hidden in our city!

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018
 Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free
 Location: Gateway Island Reception Center
 Contact: Greenway Office: 615-893-2141



Greenway Beautification

Is your group or organization looking for a community volunteer project? Do you use the Greenway frequently and want to give back to the community? Cleaning up the Greenway is a project in which participants of all ages can participate. We provide the supplies. Call the Greenway Office at (615) 893-2141 to schedule a Greenway cleanup customized to your group's availability.

